



CITY OF LODI

FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE PREVENTION STANDARD



CANDLE PERMITS

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Code References: California Fire Code 308.3; California Code of Regulations, Title 19, Div. 1, Chapter 1 Sec. 3.25		
Note: This standard is a summary of Fire department clarifications of City and State Codes. Information contained herein applies to typical circumstances and may not address all situations.		

A candle permit will be required when lit candles will be used as a table centerpiece/decoration. Permits shall be required for one time events as well as businesses utilizing candles regularly, such as restaurants. To obtain a permit, bring the decoration/centerpiece to the Fire Administration office at 25 E Pine St, Lodi. **The cost will be \$25.00 per permit.** Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday – Thursday, closed from 12:00-1:00 for lunch.

Please bring a sample of candle arrangements and apply for permit prior to ordering large amounts of candles and arrangements and allow enough time to make changes if candles and stands do not pass fire department requirements. This will save last minute conflicts for both you and the fire department and potential denial of candles at your event.

1. Only solid wax candles will be permitted.
2. All candles will be in noncombustible chimneys (i.e. glass, metal)
3. All candles must be secured to inside of chimneys.
4. When the candle is lit, the distance between the top of the flame and top rim of a noncombustible container will not be less than 2". A 10 second tissue test may be conducted by the Fire Inspector or authorized Fire Department personnel.
5. Candle wicks are to be trimmed to ¼".
6. Any noncombustible chimney taller than 8" shall be secured to a base to prevent tipping. Base may be a plate, or flat piece of glass.
7. Gel candles will not be permitted.
8. Under no circumstances shall hand held candles be permitted for any purpose within an assembly type occupancy.